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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

## <u>Listing of Claims</u>:

Claims 1-11 (canceled).

Claim 12 (currently amended): A diagnostic method for detecting inflammatory bowel disease and diseases associated with inflammatory bowel disease ulcerative colitis comprising detecting CEP-hTM5 complexes with antibodies against CEP or hTM5 in a colonic tissue wherein the presence of CEP-hTM5 is indicative of the inflammatory bowel disease and diseases associated with inflammatory bowel disease ulcerative colitis.

Claim 13 (previously presented): The method of claim 12 wherein the CEP-hTM5 complexes are detected in extracellular space of the tissue.

Claim 14 (previously presented): The method of claim 12 wherein the CEP-hTM5 complexes are detected in intracellular space of the tissue.

Claims 15-22 (canceled).